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Health of Merchants.

A writer in the Science of Health says, though many merchants live to be old, mercantile life, on the whole, is not favorable to health; not because there is anyindignation, the sorrow, and the sense of thing unwholesome in the business of buying and selling, but because of the uncertainties attending it. It has been stated that nine-tenths of all the merchants who have been eventually successful in acquiring wealth, bave failed one or more times. But the few examples of colossal fortunes, like the few prizes which are drawn in the lotteries, are sufficient to cause a constant rush into the business by the many. It is true that the majori ty of successful merchants show a favorable average of longevity; and this may be either because, being healthy, they are successful, or because, being successfulthey are healthy. This is a rule that works both ways. It is the constant strain of the mind, the feverish anxiety, and the irregular habits consequent thereon, that so often break down the health of active and ambitious merchants. Those only who, after toiling and planning incessantly for ten or fifteen years, have struggled on the verge of failure for months or years, can appreciate the immense wear and tear of mind and body which racks and often wrecks so many merchants, One of the most destructive habits of merchants is that of going to bed, not to sleep, but to study their business. After working and planning till midnight, they retire to fitful dozes and unquiet dreams instead of refreshing sleep; the result is that, in a few weeks or months, determination of blood to the brain, with sleepisfaction, and then let him go. lessness, becomes a' chronic habit. We have known merchants whose only complaint was, they could not sleep. The remedy for this difficulty is very simple in theory, but not so easy in practice Keep cool, take things as they come. and worry about nothing, is a prescription very easy to write; but in view of the ever-recurring immediate necessities of tion of such habits, in all, as the experitrade, almost impossible to apply. A

or other fruit.

little attention to regimen, however, will

greatly mitigate the suffering, and per-

baps carry the merchant through the vari-

ous crises of his vocation. Of all persons

he should especially avoid all articles of

food or drink that thicken the blood, excite

the brain, or constipate the bowels. Milk.

sugar, and fine flour are among his special

abominations. His food can never be tou

plain, nor his drinks too simple. His

dessert after dinner should never be pud-

ding or pastry, but always a good apple

May be Worth Preserving. The Medical Home has the following

recipes, which may be of value : A tea made of chestnut leaves and drank in the place of water, will cure the most obstinate case of dropsy in a few

A tea made of ripe or dried whortleberries, and drank in the place of water, is a sure and speedy cure for a scrofulous

difficulty, however bad. A tea made of peach leaves is a sure cure for kidney difficulty.

A plaster made of fresh slacked lime and fresh tar is a sure cure for a cancer, which with all its roots, will soon come

For the cure of small pox, apply raw onions halved under the arms, in the hands and on the bottom of the feet : change often ; diet, chicken broth.

The Curse of Drink.

Dr. Holland sends out these few forcible words through Scribner's Monthly:

"The appetite for strong drink in man has spoiled the life of more women-ruined more hopes for them scattered more fortunes for them, brought to them more women they have sworn to love. There steaming pudding. are women by thousands who dread to hear at the door the step that once thrilled them with pleasure, because that step has learned to reel under the influence of the intended. How frequently we hear people so that he can 'write Lim up.' And so it seductive poison. There are women groan- who are educated say "You are damnly goes. All are auxious to appear favorably ing with pain, while we write those words, mistaken." These errors in speech are in print, but few are willing to pay for it! from bruises and brutalities inflicted by growing more numerous all the while and The local's time is worth nothing, but to husbands made mad by drink. There can our language is consequently losing that bother his head writing pulls for ambitious be no exaggeration in any statement in purity and tone which are characteristic persons. It don't cost him anything to regard to this matter, because no baman of it in the original. A little watchful live. He never eats, or drink, or travels, imagination can create anything worse care on the part of all will in time remove and money is of no use to him. Put is than the truth, and no pen is capable of present errors, and avert future defeate. in! Put it in."

protraying the truth. The sorrows and horrors of a wife with a drunken husband or a mother with a drunken son, are as near the realization of hell as can be reach-

ed in this world at lesat. The shame, the

disgrace for herself and her children, the

poverty, and not unfrequently the beggary

the fear and the fact of violence, the

lingering, life long struggle and despair

of countless women with drunken husbands

are enough to make all women curse wine and engage unitedly to oppose it every where as the worst enemy of their sex. A Balmforth-avenue man borrowed a dog. Thursday, to take with him on a hunting trip. It was a partridge dog, and partridges were what he contemplated. He led the dog home by a string. It was a windy day, and the dust must have got into the dog's eyes and made his vision uncertain. for he mistook eleven of a neighbor's hens for a flock of partridges, and breaking away from the Balmforth avenue man, he stepped over into the group, and for about five minutes there was a sort of complication of dog, hens, feathers, sticks, stones coat-tails, hoops, and profanity. At the end of five minutes five dead hens, a sore dog, an amazed man, two mad women, and a pleasing assortment of sympathizing children, held exclusive control of the battle-ground. The Balmforth-avenue man did not go hunting for partridges the next day. He attended a session of the neighbors convened to set a price on five dead hens, and having found that it was \$6 20. he paid it like a man, and held the dog in the gate, and kicked him to his entire sat-

The State and Education. Education really includes two thingsthe impartation of all the knowledge now possessed by the race, the instilling into the minds of the young all the truth which all researches have discovered, the formaence of the world has found to be most profitable; and the further diligent and energetic search for new truths and principles, and better habits and manners and practices, in all the business arts, callings and intercourse of mankind. The common-school, under the patronage of the State, aims to do the former. It may not yet, as a theory, teach all the knowledge in the world; but, substantially, it does this, by putting into the hands of the child the key to it all in the ability to read and in the power to master the elements of ev ery science. The discovery of new truth, is not considered the duty or the business of the State. This belongs to individu-

ONE of our citizens was passing through New street Saturday evening on his way home. Just behind him was a boy lugging something that was rather heavy. At the street lamp he recognized the boy as the brother of a sick friend, and enquired of his health. "He is very bad to night," said the boy. "The doctor said this noon that he was dying." The man passed on some distance in silence, and then suddenly realizing that the boy was laboring under disadvantage in locomotion and feeling that the load on his heart was itself heavy enough, he tursed around and said : "What have you got there, Johnny?" "Homer Peters' barber pole" panted the boy "Homer Peters' barber pole!" said the man-"why what on earth are you doing with that?" "I'm taking it up home till it gets later,"explained the brother of the dying man "and then me and some other fellers are going to put it up in front of the First Church," The citizen retired to meditate.

OLD Mr. Fliedower was talking at dinper Sunday about the terrible vistation sorrow, shame and hardship-than any death is making among our prominent men. other evil that lives. The country num- There was something very impressive, he bers tens-nay hundreds of thousands-of said, in the remarkable devastation. The of women who are widows to day, and sit hand of decay was bearing heavily upon in hopeless weeds, because their husbands our strongest vessels. It was the judgment have been slain by strong drink. There which followed excesses. The human brain are hundreds of thousands of homes scatter- sould bear so much pressure but beyonded over the land, in which live lives of tor- then Mr. Fliedower paused, fushed in the ture, going through all the changes of face, pushed out his eyes, gave one awful suffering that lie between the extremes of gasp that was distinctly heard above the fear and despair, because those who they shricks of the affrighted family, and out love, love wine better than they do the of his mouth rolled a couple ounces of WE regret to see that there is a tenden- the local is forced to sit two mortal hours

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> BOTANICAL LEARNING .- J. J. Smith, in his address before the Germantowa Horticultural Society, mentions an old gardener who, when asked after his health, aid he had no exact disease, but was afraid he had a little touch of the complaint called Anno Domoni ! and that it was probably the gardener's son, who said the only botanical names he could remen. ber were Aurora Borealis and delirium tremens, This was not so bad as Sydney Smith, who was very caustic in a joke on a certain noble lady, who arrogantly claimed that she had every cultivated plant in her garden. "Have you Psor asis? asked Smith. On willing to be found at fault, she promptly replied : "O yes I obtained it of Lord A." (It is the scientific name of the itch.)

> In Hildreth's "History of the United States," it is stated that Manhattan Island -afterward called New Amsterdam, now the city of New York-was bought by the Dutch from the Indians for sixty guilders, or twenty-four dollars (\$24), and this only about two hundred and fifty years ago And yet, if the purchasers could have securely placed that (\$24) where it would have added to the principal annually, interest at the rate of seven per cent, the accumulation would exceed the present market value of all the real estate of the city and county of New York.

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> The Westminster Review says, and the Evangelist thinks it is a tribute to presbyterianism, that "compulsory education as regards the rural districts of Scotland is entirely unnecessary. With scarcely an exception, parents even of the poorest classes are so convinced of the advantages of education, that they not only need no compulsion, but of their own accord make every effort to send their children to

The Local Editor. The following is borrowed, and it is the

best we ever had a local elitor lend us:

"If a man buys a new buggy, or if his cow can bawl three times without winking. the local is expected to proclaim it with a grand flourish. It he starts a two-penny business, his first thought is to bribe the local with a five cent eigar to write up a five-dollar puff. Indeed he thinks it is a mission of the local to make his fortune for him by 'free blowing' He will take the local to one side and point out the suparior qualities of a rat terrier dog, and coolly ask him to 'give him a heist.' He don't care anything about it, only Spriggins has a dog which he thinks is a buster, and some of 'em wanted his 'put in' just to take the conceit out of Spriggins. Everbody wants to be 'put in,' they are the GREAT I AM, but no one says. Here local put yourself inside of this new suit of clothes, or throw yourself outside this oyster stew, or stuff this watch into your pocket.' Oh no, of course not : that would cost something. The shoe is on the other foot, you see. The local is supposed to know everything about other people's business, and is expected to show up all the actors in every family broil in town. If the vile tongue of soundal finds a victim people wonder why he don't run about with his note book and gather up the vituperative bits of slander for his paper. If he steps into a billiard hall he is requested to make a note of the astonishing fact that Bill Tomkins has made a run of eleven points. When the minstrel troupe arrives in town, the agent immediately rushes into the printing office, and, calling for the local, he slips three or four tickets in his hand, and whispers :- 'Draw us a big house ! Put it in strong !" and patting him patronizingly on the shoulder, the agent admits the inferiority of the troupe, but we are not to 'let on.' It is no sin for the local to lie. To please the lecturer